JUNE 2010 UPDATES TO THE COLORADO CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL FINANCE MANUAL

Page 6: Personal Financial Disclosure Updates

Senate Bill 10-041 clarifies that an incumbent must file only an updated personal financial disclosure on or before January 10 of each year. If an incumbent has filed an updated PFD, that incumbent is not also required to file a new, complete PFD on or before the January 10 deadline.

Page 6: Candidates in Special District Elections

The manual now clarifies that candidates in special district elections file a self-nomination and acceptance form in lieu of the candidate affidavit. It also states that this form is filed with the Special District Designated Election Official (DEO). For all other campaign finance filings pertaining to special district candidates, the appropriate filing officer is the Secretary of State.

Page 16: Issue Committees

New requirements imposed by HB 10-1370 have been incorporated. Beginning January 1, 2011, in addition to existing requirements for formation of an issue committee, an issue committee must be registered upon printing or acceptance of more than 200 petition sections if this occurs before the existing requirements are met.

HB 10-1370 also requires expenditures of \$1,000 or more by issue committees to include disclaimer statements identifying the name of the committee making the expenditure. This provision is also effective January 1, 2011.

Page 17: Recall Committees

Pursuant to Senate Bill 10-041, a recall committee must be formed within ten calendar days of the committee having accepted or made contributions or expenditures in excess of \$200 to support or oppose the recall. Previously, recall committees were to register within five days of receiving any contribution.

Pages 17 and 21: Independent Expenditure Committees

Pursuant to Senate Bill 10-203, individuals, groups, businesses, and other entities making independent expenditures in excess of \$1,000 must register independent expenditure committees. This requirement is in addition to the existing requirement that independent expenditures be reported to the appropriate office, and there is also a new requirement for reporting donations received for independent expenditures.

SB 10-203 also requires certain donors who provide money to independent expenditures to file reports.